

## IN THE CLAIMS

1.-3. (Cancelled).

4. (Currently Amended) A system for treating used, dirty endoscopes, in order to render them suitable once again for subsequent use, the system comprising:

~~at least one~~ a plurality of racks comprising a rack in which an endoscope is accommodated, and

a fixed connection block in ~~one of the at least one~~ the rack, the fixed connection block being connected to passages of ~~an the~~ endoscope ~~which is accommodated in the one of the at least one rack~~, no portion of the endoscope being within the fixed connection block,

~~a plurality of different treatment devices in which an endoscope which is accommodated in a rack can be subjected to a specific treatment, each treatment device a~~ cleaning device for domestic cleaning of the endoscope;

a disinfecting device for disinfecting the endoscope, and

a drying device for drying the endoscope;

wherein the cleaning device, the disinfecting device, and the drying device are separate devices situated at a distance from one another;

wherein each of the cleaning device, the disinfecting device, and the drying device being are provided with a counter-connection block which can be connected to the connection block which is arranged in the rack, ~~each treatment device not having an enclosing wall in common with any other of said plurality of different treatment devices,~~ wherein an essentially identical connection block being is arranged in each rack of the plurality of racks, and an essentially identical counter-connection block, which can be

connected to the connection blocks arranged in ~~the racks~~ each rack of the plurality of racks,  
~~being is~~ arranged in each ~~treatment device~~ of the cleaning device, the disinfecting device,  
and the drying device.

5. (currently amended) The system of claim 4, further comprising ~~at least one a~~  
carrier tray, in which ~~a the rack with an~~ accommodating the endoscope ~~therein can be is~~  
transported.

6. – 8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) A system for treating used, dirty endoscopes, in order to  
render them suitable once again for subsequent use, the system comprising:

~~at least one a~~ plurality of racks comprising a rack in which an endoscope is  
accommodated, and

a fixed connection block in ~~one of the at least one the~~ rack, the fixed connection  
block being connected by flexible tubes to passages of ~~an the~~ endoscope which is  
~~accommodated in the one of the at least one rack,~~

~~a plurality of different treatment devices in which an endoscope which is~~  
~~accommodated in a rack can be subjected to a specific treatment, each treatment device a~~  
cleaning device for domestic cleaning of the endoscope;

a disinfecting device for disinfecting the endoscope, and

a drying device for drying the endoscope;

wherein the cleaning device, the disinfecting device, and the drying device are separate devices situated at a distance from one another;

wherein each of the cleaning device, the disinfecting device, and the drying device  
being are provided with a counter-connection block which can be connected to the connection block which is arranged in the rack,

wherein each of the cleaning device, the disinfecting device, and the drying device  
do~~each treatment device~~ not having an enclosing wall in common with ~~any other of said~~  
~~plurality of different treatment devices~~others of the cleaning device, the disinfecting  
device, and the drying device;

wherein, an essentially identical connection block, which can be connected to the connection ~~blocks~~ block is arranged in ~~the rack~~ each rack of the plurality of racks, ~~being~~ is arranged in ~~each treatment device~~ of the cleaning device, the disinfecting device, and the drying device.

10. (Previously presented) The system of claim 9, further comprising at least one carrier tray, in which a rack with an endoscope therein can be transported.

11. - 13. (Cancelled)